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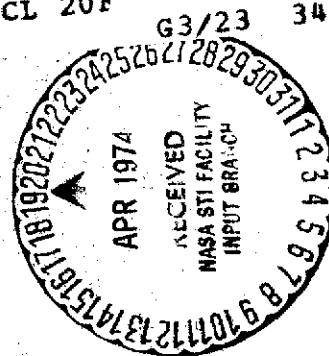
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The exact solution for the problem of diffusion of radiation/56\* in a semi-infinite medium adjacent to a glassy surface in the case of isotropic scattering is well known [1]. The unknown brightness coefficient  $\bar{\rho}(\eta, \zeta)$ , which depends on the two variables  $\eta$  and  $\zeta$ , may be expressed in terms of certain auxiliary functions, each of which depends on one of the variables  $\eta$  or  $\zeta$ .

It will be shown below that  $\bar{\rho}(\eta, \zeta)$  cannot be represented /57 uniquely by means of auxiliary functions, and in this connection the auxiliary functions are determined by different equations.

Let us assume that radiation enters an isotropically scattering medium of a semi-infinite optical thickness, limited by a glassy surface. The flux of this radiation through a unit surface at the medium boundary equals  $\pi S$ , and the angle of incidence  $i = \arccos \zeta$ . If the boundary is not taken into account, then the strength of the radiation  $I(\eta, \zeta)$ , which is diffusely reflected at the angle  $\nu = \arccos \eta$ , is determined by the formula

$$I(\eta, \zeta) = S \rho(\eta, \zeta) \zeta, \quad (1)$$

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where

$$\rho(\eta, \zeta) = \frac{\lambda}{4} \frac{\varphi(\eta)\varphi(\zeta)}{\eta + \zeta}; \quad (2)$$

where  $\lambda$  is the quantum survival probability:  $\varphi(\eta) = 1 + 2\eta \int_0^1 \rho(\eta, \zeta) d\zeta$  — Ambartsumyan function. In the presence of a glassy surface, for the strength of diffusely reflected radiation

$$\bar{I}(\eta, \zeta) = S\bar{\rho}(\eta, \zeta)\zeta, \quad (3)$$

we have the equation

$$\bar{I}(\eta, \zeta) = I(\eta, \zeta) + 2\pi \int_0^1 \frac{I(\eta', \zeta)}{\pi} \rho(\eta') \bar{\rho}(\eta, \eta') \eta' d\eta', \quad (4)$$

in which  $p(\eta)$  is the portion of radiation reflected from a limiting surface. Substituting Expressions (1) — (3) in (4), we obtain an integral equation which is satisfied by the desired brightness coefficient  $\bar{\rho}(\eta, \zeta)$

$$\bar{\rho}(\eta, \zeta) = \rho(\eta, \zeta) + 2 \int_0^1 \rho(\eta', \zeta) \rho(\eta') \bar{\rho}(\eta, \eta') \eta' d\eta'. \quad (5)$$

This equation was obtained previously in a different way. In order to separate the variables in Equation (5), we set

$$\bar{\rho}(\eta, \zeta) = \frac{\lambda}{4} \left[ \frac{A(\eta, \zeta)}{\eta + \zeta} + \frac{B(\eta, \zeta)}{\eta - \zeta} \right]. \quad (6)$$

Substituting (6) in (5) and equating the coefficients when  $1/(\eta + \zeta)$  and  $1/(\eta - \zeta)$  in the left and right sides of the equation obtained, we obtain the system of equations for  $A(\eta, \zeta)$  and  $B(\eta, \zeta)$ .

$$\begin{aligned} A(\eta, \zeta) = & \varphi(\eta)\varphi(\zeta) + \frac{\lambda}{2} \int_0^1 \varphi(\eta')\varphi(\zeta)\rho(\eta') \times \\ & \times \left( \frac{\eta}{\eta - \eta'} - \frac{\zeta}{\eta' + \zeta} \right) B(\eta, \eta') d\eta'; \end{aligned} \quad (7)$$

$$B(\eta, \zeta) = \frac{\lambda}{2} \int_0^1 \varphi(\eta') \varphi(\zeta) \rho(\eta') \left( \frac{\eta}{\eta + \eta'} - \frac{\zeta}{\eta + \zeta} \right) A(\eta, \eta') d\eta'. \quad (8)$$

Based on the principle of reversibility for optical phenomena, we may assume that  $\bar{p}(\eta, \zeta)$  must be a symmetrical function of  $\eta$  and  $\zeta$ . Consequently,  $A(\eta, \zeta)$  must be a symmetrical function, and  $B(\eta, \zeta)$  must be an asymmetrical function with respect to  $\eta$  and  $\zeta$ .

$$A(\eta, \zeta) = A(\zeta, \eta); \quad B(\eta, \zeta) = -B(\zeta, \eta). \quad (9)$$

Therefore, we may set

$$\begin{cases} A(\eta, \zeta) = \alpha(\eta) \alpha(\zeta) - \beta(\eta) \beta(\zeta); \\ B(\eta, \zeta) = \alpha(\eta) \beta(\zeta) - \alpha(\zeta) \beta(\eta). \end{cases} \quad (10)$$

Substituting (10) in Equations (7) and (8), we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} \alpha(\eta) &= \varphi(\eta) + 2\eta \int_0^1 \rho(\eta, \eta') \rho(\eta') \beta(\eta') d\eta'; \\ \beta(\eta) &= 2\eta \int_0^1 \rho(\eta, \eta') \rho(\eta') \alpha(\eta') d\eta'. \end{aligned} \quad (11)$$

The functions  $\alpha(\eta)$  and  $\beta(\eta)$  must satisfy the equations

$$\begin{aligned} \alpha(\eta) &= \varphi(\eta) + \frac{\lambda}{2} \eta \int_0^1 \frac{\varphi(\eta) \rho(\eta')}{\eta - \eta'} B(\eta, \eta') d\eta'; \\ \beta(\eta) &= \frac{\lambda}{2} \eta \int_0^1 \frac{\varphi(\eta') \rho(\eta')}{\eta + \eta'} A(\eta, \eta') d\eta'. \end{aligned} \quad (12)$$

It may be shown that if  $\alpha(\eta)$  and  $\beta(\eta)$  satisfy Equations (11), then they satisfy Equations (12). A similar solution was given in [1]. Let us set

$$\begin{aligned} A(\eta, \zeta) &= \alpha(\eta) \beta(\zeta) + \alpha(\zeta) \beta(\eta); \\ B(\eta, \zeta) &= \alpha(\eta) \beta(\zeta) - \alpha(\zeta) \beta(\eta). \end{aligned} \quad (13)$$

Then  $\alpha(\eta)$  and  $\beta(\eta)$  are determined by the equations

$$\begin{aligned}\beta(\zeta) &= C_1 \varphi(\zeta) - 2\zeta \int_0^1 \rho(\eta', \zeta) p(\eta') \beta(\eta') d\eta'; \\ \alpha(\zeta) &= C_2 \varphi(\zeta) + 2\zeta \int_0^1 \rho(\eta', \zeta) p(\eta') \alpha(\eta') d\eta',\end{aligned}\quad (14)$$

and in addition

$$\begin{aligned}\varphi(\eta) + \frac{\lambda}{2} \eta \int_0^1 \frac{B(\eta, \eta')}{\eta - \eta'} \varphi(\eta') p(\eta') d\eta' &= C_1 \alpha(\eta) + C_2 \beta(\eta); \\ \frac{\lambda}{2} \eta \int_0^1 \frac{A(\eta, \eta')}{\eta + \eta'} \varphi(\eta') p(\eta') d\eta' &= C_1 \alpha(\eta) - C_2 \beta(\eta).\end{aligned}\quad (15)$$

Thus, the constants  $C_1$  and  $C_2$  satisfy the condition

$$2C_1 C_2 = 1. \quad (16)$$

We shall show that, if the functions  $\alpha(\eta)$  and  $\beta(\eta)$  satisfy Equations (14), then they satisfy Equation (15). Actually, using Expressions (3) and (13), we obtain

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{\lambda}{2} \eta \int_0^1 \frac{A(\eta, \eta')}{\eta + \eta'} \varphi(\eta') p(\eta') d\eta' &= \frac{\alpha(\eta)}{\varphi(\eta)} 2\eta \int_0^1 \rho(\eta, \eta') \beta(\eta') p(\eta') d\eta' + \\ &+ \frac{\beta(\eta)}{\varphi(\eta)} 2\eta \int_0^1 \rho(\eta, \eta') \alpha(\eta') p(\eta') d\eta';\end{aligned}\quad (17)$$

and by means of Expression (14), we obtain

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{\lambda}{2} \eta \int_0^1 \frac{A(\eta, \eta')}{\eta + \eta'} \varphi(\eta') p(\eta') d\eta' &= \frac{\alpha(\eta)}{\varphi(\eta)} [C_1 \varphi(\eta) - \beta(\eta)] + \\ &+ \frac{\beta(\eta)}{\varphi(\eta)} [\alpha(\eta) - C_2 \varphi(\eta)] = C_1 \alpha(\eta) - C_2 \beta(\eta).\end{aligned}\quad (18)$$

Thus, the second of the equations (15) will be satisfied. Let 60 us show that the first of these equations is satisfied. Taking into account (13) and (14), we shall have

$$\begin{aligned}
\varphi(\eta) + \frac{\lambda}{2} \eta \int_0^1 \frac{B(\eta, \eta')}{\eta - \eta'} \varphi(\eta') \rho(\eta') d\eta' &= \varphi(\eta) + [C_2 \varphi(\eta) + \\
+ 2\eta \int_0^1 \rho(\eta, \eta') \rho(\eta') \alpha(\eta') d\eta'] - \frac{\lambda}{2} \eta \int_0^1 \frac{\beta(\eta')}{\eta - \eta'} \rho(\eta') \varphi(\eta') d\eta' - \\
- \left[ C_1 \varphi(\eta) - 2\eta \int_0^1 \rho(\eta, \eta') \rho(\eta') \beta(\eta') d\eta' \right] \times \\
\times \frac{\lambda}{2} \eta \int_0^1 \frac{\alpha(\eta')}{\eta - \eta'} \rho(\eta') \varphi(\eta') d\eta';
\end{aligned} \tag{19}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
\varphi(\eta) + \frac{\lambda}{2} \eta \int_0^1 \frac{B(\eta, \eta')}{\eta - \eta'} \varphi(\eta') \rho(\eta') d\eta' &= \varphi(\eta) + \\
+ C_2 \varphi(\eta) - \frac{\lambda}{2} \eta \int_0^1 \frac{\beta(\eta')}{\eta - \eta'} \rho(\eta') \varphi(\eta') d\eta' - C_1 \varphi(\eta) - \frac{\lambda}{2} \eta \int_0^1 \frac{\alpha(\eta')}{\eta - \eta'} \times \\
\times \rho(\eta') \varphi(\eta') d\eta' + \frac{\lambda^2}{4} \eta^2 \int_0^1 \int_0^1 \frac{\varphi(\eta) \varphi(\eta')}{\eta + \eta'} \rho(\eta') \alpha(\eta') \frac{\beta(\eta'')}{\eta - \eta''} \times \\
\times \rho(\eta'') \varphi(\eta'') d\eta' d\eta'' + \frac{\lambda^2}{4} \eta^2 \int_0^1 \int_0^1 \frac{\varphi(\eta) \varphi(\eta')}{\eta + \eta'} \rho(\eta') \beta(\eta') \times \\
\times \frac{\alpha(\eta'')}{\eta - \eta''} \rho(\eta'') \varphi(\eta'') d\eta' d\eta''.
\end{aligned} \tag{20}$$

Since

$$\frac{\eta}{(\eta + \eta')(\eta - \eta'')} = \left( \frac{\eta'}{\eta + \eta'} + \frac{\eta''}{\eta - \eta''} \right) \frac{1}{\eta' + \eta''}, \tag{21}$$

then the Expression (20) obtained above may be rewritten in the form

$$\begin{aligned}
\varphi(\eta) + \frac{\lambda}{2} \eta \int_0^1 \frac{B(\eta, \eta')}{\eta - \eta'} \varphi(\eta') \rho(\eta') d\eta' &= \varphi(\eta) + C_1 2\eta \times \\
\times \int_0^1 \rho(\eta, \eta') \rho(\eta') \alpha(\eta') d\eta' - C_2 2\eta \int_0^1 \rho(\eta, \eta') \beta(\eta') \rho(\eta') d\eta'.
\end{aligned} \tag{22}$$

Using Equation (14) again, we obtain

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$$\begin{aligned} \varphi(\eta) + \frac{\lambda}{2} \eta \int_0^1 \frac{B(\eta, \eta')}{\eta - \eta'} \varphi(\eta') p(\eta') d\eta' = & \varphi(\eta) - 2C_1 C_2 \varphi(\eta) + \\ & + C_1 \alpha(\eta) + C_2 \beta(\eta). \end{aligned} \quad (23)$$

Thus, the first of the equations (15) is satisfied if the constants  $C_1$  and  $C_2$  satisfy (16).

Thus, the solution of Equation (2) may be written in the form (6), where  $A(\eta, \zeta)$  and  $B(\eta, \zeta)$  are determined by Expressions (13), and the auxiliary functions  $\alpha(\eta)$  and  $\beta(\eta)$  form a single parametric family of functions (14) which depend on the parameter  $C_1$  (or  $C_2$ ), and  $C_1$  and  $C_2$  are related with Condition (16).

It may be readily seen that the desired brightness coefficient  $\bar{\rho}(\eta, \zeta)$  does not depend on the value of the parameter  $C_1$ . Utilizing Expression (16), the equations for the auxiliary functions (14) may be written in the form

$$\begin{aligned} \beta(\zeta) &= C_1 \varphi(\zeta) - 2\zeta \int_0^1 \rho(\eta', \zeta) p(\eta') \beta(\eta') d\eta'; \\ \alpha(\zeta) &= \frac{\lambda}{2C_1} \varphi(\zeta) + 2\zeta \int_0^1 \rho(\eta', \zeta) p(\eta') \alpha(\eta') d\eta'. \end{aligned} \quad (24)$$

If  $\Gamma_1(\eta, \zeta)$  is the resolvent of the first of these equations, and  $\Gamma_2(\eta, \zeta)$  is the resolvent of the second equation, then the solutions of these equations may be written in the form

$$\begin{aligned} \beta(\zeta) &= C_1 \left[ \varphi(\zeta) - \int_0^1 \Gamma_1(\eta', \zeta) \varphi(\eta') d\eta' \right]; \\ \alpha(\zeta) &= \frac{1}{2C_1} \left[ \varphi(\zeta) + \int_0^1 \Gamma_2(\eta', \zeta) \varphi(\eta') d\eta' \right]. \end{aligned} \quad (25)$$

Substituting (24) into (13), we find that  $A(\eta, \zeta)$  and  $B(\eta, \zeta)$ , and consequently the desired brightness coefficient  $\bar{\rho}(\eta, \zeta)$ , do not depend on  $C_1$ .

For each specific law governing the reflection of light by a surface, which is characterized by the function  $p(\eta)$ , the auxiliary functions may be found numerically, and we may set  $C_1$  equal to any number differing from zero.

Thus, if  $A(\eta, \zeta)$  and  $B(\eta, \zeta)$  are desired in the form (10), then the auxiliary functions are determined by the system of Equations (11). If  $A(\eta, \zeta)$  and  $B(\eta, \zeta)$  are written in the form (13), then for each of the functions a separate equation is obtained. In numerical calculations, it is more convenient to represent the auxiliary functions in the form (14) (with a valid selection of  $C_1$  and  $C_2$ ) than in the form (12). /62

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